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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REACTION TO ANNOUNCED US PLAN FOR STOCKPILE
DISPOSAL

REF: BA 546, 1/28/72

1. UNTIL MARCH 26, ARGENTINE REACTION TO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANS USG DISPOSE OF SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES FROM US STRATEGIC STOCKPILES HAS BEEN MILD AND GENERALIZED. A NUMBER OF NEWS-PAPER ARTICLES CARRIED GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE IN WASHINGTON AND FOCUSED COMMENT UPON ANTICIPATED ADVERSE REACTIONS BY COUNTRIES WHOSE ECONOMIES DEPEND HEAVILY UPON PRODUCTION AND EXPORT STRATEGIC NON-FERROUS METALS. SENSE OF ARTICLES WAS THAT US COULD EXPECT HARSH CRITICISM IN MANY AND INTERNATIONAL FORUMS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AFFECTED AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. USUALLY, ONLY IN PASSING WERE USG OBJECTIVES IN COMBATting INFLATION AND RECTIFYING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS GIVEN ANY ATTENTION. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION OR COMMENT FROM GOA OFFICIALS CONCERNING STOCKPILE DISPOSAL.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME ARGENTINA IS PRIMARILY A NET IMPORTER
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OF METALIC MINERALS AND STANDS TO BENEFIT IF USG DISPOSAL
PROGRAM SHOULD LIMIT OR REDUCE PRICES OF MOST STRATEGIC MINERALS.
(FOR DETAILS ON ARGENTINE PRODUCTION AND TRADE IN MINERALS, SEEN
ANGOLA WHETHER RECRUITED IN
METROPOLE OR LOCALLY HAS BEEN AFFECTED. TERRORIST ACTS IN
METROPOLE
MUST BE CRUSHED. IT COULD BE SERIOUS IF THEY ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.
IT WOULD BE INADMISSABLE IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO AFFECT TROOPS IN
FIELD.

" COMBATTING SUBVERSION... IS THE ONLY WAY TO PRESERVE OUR
PATRIMONY, FOR US TO KEEP THE POPULATION FROM BEING SUBJECTED TO
POLICIES WHICH ARE FOREIGN TO THEM. BY STRUGGLING AGAINST SUBVERSION
THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY PRESERVES ITS TRUE INTERESTS WITHOUT
SACRIFICING ITS DIGNITY." " LEGITIMATE SELF- DETERMINATION IS
AFFIRMED IN COUNTER- SUBVERSION."

2. COMMENTS BY SEPTTEL. OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED IN INTERVIEW BY
AIRGRAM.
BRIGGS.

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